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Request For Reconsideration

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 and in response to the Office Action mailed on December 31, 2002, in which the Examiner finally rejected claims 1-26, the following remarks are submitted for consideration.

Remarks

Claims 13-29 are currently pending and are under consideration.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Request to Withdraw Final Rejection

Before addressing the Examiner's rejections, Applicants request that the Examiner withdraw the Finality of the Office Action dated December 31, 2002.

37 CFR § 1.104 (b) and MPEP 7.07 requires that the Examiner's Office Action be complete. 37 CFR § 1.104 (b) states:

"37 CFR § 1.104 (b) *Completeness of examiner's action.* The examiner's action will be complete as to all matters, except that in appropriate circumstances, such as misjoinder of invention,

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